

## Environmental Policy

The Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) is committed to protecting the environment while carrying out its mission. All personnel share the responsibility to comply with environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Along with the Host Command, through our Environmental Management System (EMS), **we are committed to:**

- Integrating sound environmental practices into processes and business decisions, while maintaining efficient and successful mission execution.
- Complying with applicable federal, state, local, Department of Defense, and Navy regulations and policies, and other requirements for which the Center subscribes.
- Continuously improving environmental performance through effective environmental planning.
- Ensuring pollution prevention, preservation of our land, and protection of natural and cultural resources.
- Educating employees concerning their environmental protection responsibilities.
- Increasing public awareness of our commitment to protect the environment.

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<http://www.nswc.navy.mil/>

### Helpful Information

**For the following emergencies dial 911:**

- Fire
- Medical
- Spills
- Explosive Mishaps

Non-emergency Points of Contact	Phone Number
	(540) 653- or DSN 249-
Fire (Non-emergency)	8726
Medical (Non-emergency)	8241
Explosives Safety Manager	4296
Range Control	8791
Ordnance Officer	7460
Safety & Environmental Office	8695
Range Safety Director	7460
Ammunition Inventory Control Manager	8121
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	4790
Emergency Services Dispatcher (Security)	8291/8095
Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team	7425/7160/5838
Base Operator	8531
Pass and ID Office	6890
Corporate Communications Office	8154

**Weapons Testing Hotline: 877-845-5656 (toll free)**

**The Potomac River Test Range Website:**  
<http://www.nswc.navy.mil/RANGE/>

## Environmental Management System (EMS)



**Naval Surface Warfare Center  
Dahlgren Division  
Dahlgren, Virginia**

## General Information

In accordance with Executive Order 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management, 24 January 2007, the Navy shall implement Environmental Management Systems (EMS) at all appropriate organizational levels.

International Standard ISO 14001 is a worldwide standard that provides the specification for an EMS, and NSWCDD has established an EMS following this standard. NSWCDD's mission EMS provides the framework for reliably and consistently meeting Dahlgren's environmental obligations.

NSWCDD identifies and ranks environmental aspects associated with the activities, products, and services that are integral to the mission. These associated activities, products, and services include Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E), thermal treatment (Open Burn/Open Detonation) of explosive hazardous waste, training performed by the Explosives Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit, administrative activities, equipment maintenance, and typical office equipment use.

NSWCDD develops objectives and targets necessary to manage those environmental aspects that have been identified as significant. Since EMS is a process of continual improvement, additional objectives and targets are developed as part of an ongoing EMS cycle at NSWCDD.

## How NSWCDD's EMS Affects You

**Each individual working or visiting NSWCDD, including full-time, part-time, and contract employees, has the following EMS responsibilities:**

- Understanding NSWCDD's Environmental Policy.
- Complying with applicable federal, state, local, Department of Defense, and Navy regulations and policies.
- Adhering to the EMS Plan, located at the Safety and Environmental Office, Building 189.
- Receiving appropriate training.
- Continually evaluating your processes toward a goal of protecting the environment and improving environmental performance.
- Reporting problems or concerns to your supervisor.
- Accepting accountability for environmental performance.

## Definitions

**Environmental Aspect:** Element of NSWCDD's activities, products, or services that can interact with or impact the environment.

**Environmental Objective:** A practicable broad, long-term environmental goal of NSWCDD, arising from our environmental policy.

**Environmental Management Representative (EMR):** Individual responsible for implementing and maintaining NSWCDD's EMS.

**Environmental Target:** A detailed quantifiable and practicable performance requirement or short-term goal that will lead to achievement of the objectives defined in NSWCDD's EMS.

**Significant Environmental Aspect:** An environmental aspect that has or can have a significant environmental impact.